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LOCAL PAGE BUSINESSES AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WORK TOGETHER ON SOLUTION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC LAUNCH RAMPS AT LAKE POWELL

Lower lake levels have brought continued challenges in providing launch ramp facilities for boaters at Lake Powell. As a result, the National Park Service at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; Bill West, owner of Lake Time Boats and Houseboat Management Services; and Doug Gardner, owner of Page Steel, have been working together the past few weeks and feel they have come up with a temporary solution to provide a more stable launch ramp surface for the public ramps.

As a result of this partnership with the local business community, all materials for this project were donated by Doug Gardner and Bill West. “The National Park Service is very pleased to have formed this partnership with our local business community,” said Superintendent Kitty L. Roberts. “I applaud both Mr. West and Mr. Gardner for their generous donation and sincerely hope this will prove to be an effective temporary solution until launch ramps can again be extended with concrete.”

Although aircraft landing mats have been used in the past, they have proven unstable under existing conditions with uneven ramp surfaces and the weight of larger boats now being launched. As an alternative, on the morning of June 29th, sheets of boiler tubing welded together

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to form a surface 24' wide by 70' long were installed along one section of the Wahweap public launch ramp. All parties involved with the installation were encouraged after initial use by boats and tow rigs of various sizes.

“We are hopeful this structure will continue to provide a stable surface for the launch area and will alleviate some of the problems we have had with potholes and berms caused by boats being launched and retrieved. We will continue to monitor this test section over the next week or two to see how it holds up,” Chief of Facilities Dan Bishop remarked. “If successful, the National Park Service will be looking at additional installations where feasible. Maintaining access to Lake Powell for boaters has been and will continue to be a major priority for the National Park Service.”



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